

REMARKS

A Petition and Fee for Two Month Extension of Time is Submitted herewith.

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it narrows the issues on appeal and does not require further searching by the Examiner.

Claims 12 and 24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-11, 13-23 and 25-30 have been canceled.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein or later are not made to distinguish the invention over the prior art or narrow the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein or later should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant notes that claims 12 and 24 are not subject to any prior art rejection and therefore, would presumably be allowable if the alleged informalities are addressed. Applicant notes that claims 12 and 24 have been amended to delete "at least part of", and that therefore, these claims are clearly enabled by the specification and there is no "new matter" issue with these claims.

Further, Applicant notes that claims 12 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form and are now in the exact same condition as when these claims were examined by the Examiner as reported in the Office Action dated December 6, 2006 in which the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12 and 24 are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 12 and 24, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to

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discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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